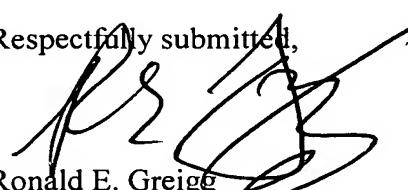


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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 have been canceled. Claims 6-15 are presently in the application. The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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